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Our Case No. 10922/51

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| In re Application of: |) | |
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| FOSTER et al. |) | |
| |) | Examiner: Charles H. Sam |
| Serial No. 10/617,580 |) | |
| |) | Group Art Unit No. 3731 |
| Filing Date: July 11, 2003 |) | |
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| For: FLEXIBLE CANNULA |) | |
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AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In reply to the final Office Action dated September 25, 2006, Applicants have timely filed this Amendment with a Request for Continued Examination. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw the rejections and to grant allowance of this Application in view of the amendments and arguments herein.